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SUBJECT: COFFEE: NEED FOR EXPERT ON AID LOAN PROJECT IN
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1. BELTRAO ADVISES THAT ONLY FEASIBLE CANDIDATE WOULD BE VAN DE STEENE. GIVEN HIGH QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF EXPERT AND RATHER SHORT DEADLINE, RECRUITING OF LDC EXPERT NOT PRACTICAL.

2. BELTRAO WILLING MAKE VAN DE STEENE AVAILABLE AND LATTER PREPARED GO. IN TERMS VAN DE STEENE'S QUALIFICATIONS, HE SEEMS WELL EQUIPPED TO CARRY OUT PROJECT.

3. ON STATUS VAN DE STEENE, BELTRAO HAS EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR TREATING VAN DE STEENE'S TRIP IN SAME WAY AS "ICO COUNTRY MISSION". THAT IS, ICO WOULD PAY TAB FOR VAN DE STEENE'S TRANSPORTATION, SALARY AND EXPENSES WHILE IN HAITI, WITH REIMBURSEMENT SUBSEQUENTLY TO ICO BY AID. BELTRAO CONCERNED OVER PRECEDENT THAT MIGHT BE CREATED IF VAN DE STEENE GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND ALLOWED NEGOTIATE TERMS OF HIS SERVICES DIRECTLY WITH AID. PLEASE ADVISE ON FEASIBILITY THIS PROPOSAL.

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